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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee - 12 August 1964

1. The Director, accompanied by Messrs. Cline and Warner, met with the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee at 11:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

George H. Mahon, Chairman  
Harry R. Sheppard  
Robert L. F. Sikes  
Jamie L. Whitten  
George W. Andrews  
Daniel J. Flood  
Albert Thomas

Gerald R. Ford, Jr.  
Harold C. Ostertag  
Melvin Laird  
Glenard P. Lipscomb  
William E. Minshall

Bob Michaels and other staff assistants were also present. A transcript was taken which Mr. Mahon stated, of course, would not be published. Arrangements were made for us to pick up the transcript the next morning.

2. The Director briefed from his prepared notes covering the incident in the Tonkin Gulf and the general situation in Vietnam and Laos.

3. Mr. Mahon made a point that he wished security maintained and that it was his hope that the Director could appear more often before this Subcommittee in the future.

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4. Mr. Ford asked the question as to whether there was any U. S. support for Thai personnel involved in the fighting in Laos. Mr. McCone stated he did not know but we would look into this.

5. Both Mr. Laird and Mr. Minshall made the comment that they felt the briefing they heard today contained no more information than they had read in the newspapers or in the U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

6. After the meeting, I learned from Mr. Michaels that there had been general discussion by the Subcommittee after the Director left in which there appeared to be a general consensus that they had understood the Director's presentation as being somewhat more pessimistic about Vietnam than they had heard from any other source or from Mr. McCone previously.

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